

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 727

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A RESOLUTION recognizing the players and coaches of the Middle Tennessee State University women's basketball team upon a stellar 2013-2014 season.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those teams that, through their commitment to the pursuit of excellence both on and off the court, have brought honor to themselves, their schools, their communities, and this State; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) Blue Raiders women's basketball team is one such team that has attained an incredible level of accomplishment and success during this most recent season; and

WHEREAS, in the 2013-2014 season, head coach Rick Insell and the Blue Raiders finished the season with twenty-nine wins, the second-highest number of wins in program history. The Blue Raiders won twenty-eight of their final twenty-nine games and, after defeating Southern Mississippi 84-55 in the conference championship tournament final, captured the team's first Conference USA Championship and earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament, the school's seventeenth such invitation and sixth-straight NCAA tournament invitation; and

WHEREAS, this most recent season also saw the Blue Raiders ranked in the top twenty-five nationally, and the conference title they earned this year is the fourteenth in school history and the fifth the team has won under the guidance of Coach Insell; and

WHEREAS, several Blue Raiders earned individual honors this season, including Olivia Jones, who was named Conference USA Freshman of the Year, and Ebony Rowe, Conference USA Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the MTSU Blue Raiders women's basketball program thrilled and inspired us throughout this most recent season, and it is fitting that this body recognize the team's success, perseverance, and unwavering commitment to the pursuit of excellence, both in basketball and in life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and commend head coach Rick Insell and the players, trainers, and assistant coaches of the MTSU Blue Raiders women's basketball program on the team's impressive accomplishments during the 2013-2014 season and extend to them our best wishes for their continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.